

JOHN M. GARDNER.

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Mr. BRENTON, from the Committee on Public Lands, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of John M. Gardner, asking for the passage of a law to "compel the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue to him a correct patent" for "the southeast quarter of section two, in township twenty-four north, of range nineteen east, in the district of lands subject to sale at Menasha, in the State of Wisconsin," which was entered by the petitioner on the 24th day of September, 1852, by the location of military bounty-land warrant numbered 665, issued under the act of September 28, 1850, to Charles K. Gardner, and by him assigned to the petitioner, report:*

It appears that the register and receiver of the land office at Menasha, regularly returned said warrant to the General Land Office as having been properly located by the assignee on the tract of land above described. And it further appears that, in pursuance of law, a patent in the usual form was issued to the petitioner on the 26th day of March, 1853, and, as your committee is informed, is now in the possession of the petitioner.

Your committee, therefore, believe that the patent already issued is amply sufficient in form and substance to convey to the petitioner, "his heirs, and assigns" a good and sufficient title in fee to the tract of land above described.

The committee would therefore advise the petitioner to be content with what he has, being clearly of the opinion that he is secured in his rights, and that no additional legislation is necessary.

The petitioner further represents, that on the 13th of November, 1855, he located warrant number 798 on "the southeast quarter of section twenty-nine, in township eighty-seven north, of range sixteen west, in the county of Grundy, and State of Iowa," and complains that he has not yet received his patent therefor.

The only remedy that your committee can recommend in this case is the proper exercise of patience, feeling satisfied that the patent will be issued in its regular order, and that the petitioner will be amply secured in all his legal and equitable rights.

The committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the whole subject.

